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Shively, the Artist

Babies, Children & Hard Subjects a Specialty

Why a Duel Was Not Fought.

Opposite the city resides Mr. J. M. Harvey, a gentleman who has lived a very adventurous life. Emigrating from a Northern or Western State more than thirty years ago, he came to New Orleans, where he settled, marrying into a very wealthy and prominent creole family. Previous to his settlement in Louisiana Harvey was engaged in the merchant service and had sailed on several whaling voyages. Having married a creole, Harvey strove to conform to creole ideas and usages, which were quite opposite and repugnant to his own notions and feelings. The transition was certainly a very violent one, from an old skipper, whose tastes had been acquired aboard a Nantucket whaler, to the highly refined rules and customs which govern creole society in Louisiana.

At a gay party at a creole neighbor's one evening, where Harvey was present, a game of cards was proposed, and the game was proceeding quite pleasantly when an altercation arose between Harvey and a creole gentleman of high position and for many years an editor. Albert Fabre. The dispute finally became very hot, winding up in a world of insult from Fabre to Harvey and a knock-down from the heavy fist of the latter, the blow inflicting a very dark "black-eye" upon the unfortunate creole. The next day Harvey was waited upon by a friend of Fabre with a demand for satisfaction and a request to be referred to his seconds, with whom the terms of an early meeting might be arranged. Harvey asked what this meant. The second replied that he wanted him to meet Mr. Fabre in honorable combat, and thus atone for the blow he had given him.

"But," replied Harvey, "he grossly insulted me and I returned the insult with a blow. I think that means even, or, if we ain't even, I'll pay the balance."

The second was surprised to hear such a response from a gentleman who had married into a creole family, and as a mutual friend, warned Harvey that if he persisted in this view of the affair he would be tabooed by all his wife's relatives. The suggestion somewhat alarmed Harvey, and he asked his visitor what would be the terms of the proposed combat.

The second, brightening up at the success of his appeal to the better feelings of Harvey and at the prospect of a lively affair, quickly responded: "Oh, of course, being the challenged party, you have the choice of weapons."

This announcement was a great relief to Harvey, who knew Fabre to be an experienced duelist, skilled with the pistol and rapier. He therefore asked, with an air of great simplicity, what were the weapons usually employed by gentlemen on such occasions.

"Pistols, swords, rifles, shot-guns, or any dangerous weapon in which you may be skilled,"

"I understand you," Harvey replied, "and my weapons are length, distance, twenty feet apart. I have a brace of them, from which your friend can take his choice."

Pickles and Pickling.

The number of questions which come to us every summer on the subject of pickles, is very great. The purport of a majority of these is: "How can we put up pickles to look like those sold in jars at the stores?" The fine appearance of these pickles in homes is due to two things: They are made green by the use of copper, and the vinegar is colorless. It is called "White-wine vinegar." So far as health goes, this vinegar is as wholesome as any other, but it is entirely lacking in the pleasant odor and taste of cider vinegar. Hand-some pickles can not be made with cider vinegar, but they are a good deal better. The pickles are greened by soaking them to free them from salt, in a copper vessel, or most generally by the use of Verdigris, which is the acetate of copper. As we do not advise the making of pickles green by this process, we do not give the details. Such pickles should not be bought, and ought not to be sold. Serious results may follow the continued use of even the minute quantity of copper these handsome pickles contain.

At the pickle-factories, the owners contract with the growers for cucumbers of a size that may be agreed upon at a fixed price per thousand. If the size is small, the vines must be looked over every day or two. Whatever the size, they must always be cut from the vines, with the stems left on them. At the factories they are placed in large wooden vats, using half a bushel of salt, to five bushels of cucumbers, with water enough to cover them. In salting them for home use, an ordinary whiskey or alcohol barrel may be used, removing one head, and making a follower of boards, to keep the cucumbers under the brine. The cucumbers are placed in the barrel as they are picked, and salt sprinkled among them. When the barrel is half full, add water to cover the cucumbers, as more salt and water is needed, to cover them, using half a bushel of salt to the barrel. When full, head up the barrel, knock out the bung, and fill up completely with a tight barrel of cucumbers in a brine of this strength will keep for a long time. In salting small quantities, a brine strong enough to float a potato may be poured over the cucumbers, placed in a jar or keg. It takes about a month for the brine to thoroughly penetrate them, and make them fit for putting into vinegar.

For family use most persons prefer the cucumbers rather larger than those sold in bottles, so that they may be cut up, if desirable, to have all in the same lot as nearly of a size as possible.

The following vegetables may be salted in the same manner. Green tomatoes, string beans, green peppers, marionberries (taken when very tender), and unripe melons with the contents removed through a hole made in the side. Peppers have a salt made in them to take the brine into the interior. At the pickle-factories, great care is taken to use only the purest salt, that containing lime is said to cause decay. Course salt in crystals is the best.—American Agriculturist.

Admitted It.

"Who paid their fare in cents an' only put four in 'em in the box?" called out a Bangor street-car driver as he pointed his sharp face through the open car door.

Three men and five women sat motionless as if made of pasteboard.

"Was it you?" said he, pointing his finger that stuck out through a hole in his glove, at a fat woman.

"No sir, 'twas no such thing,"

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